

# National Seminar

## Literary Theory and The Linguistic Turn

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, PURBASTHALI COLLEGE

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Date: September 15, 2022

Time: 11.30 a.m.

VENUE: SEMINAR HALL, PURBASTHALI COLLEGE

Last date for registration: September 13, 2022

Registration Fees (on site)

For Faculty Members- Rs. 200/-, For Students/ Research Scholars- Rs.150/-

**Registration Link** 

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### SPEAKERS

### Mr. Atanu Kr. Paul

Assistant Professor & Head Department of English J.M.S. College, Munger Bihar

### Dr. Soumya M. Ghosh

Convener Assistant Professor (English)

### Mrs. Abhinanda Chakraborty

Assistant Professor Department of English Chandidas Mahavidyalaya, Khujutipara West Bengal

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### Concept Note

"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world." - Ludwig Wittgenstein

The beginning of the twentieth century was a moment of recognition for the disciplines of Humanities and Social Sciences as the relation between language and the world were re-imagined revealing that there was no objective reality between the language used and the object it signified. The Continental philosophers and linguists, like Ludwig Wittgenstein and Ferdinand de Saussure, shaped 'the linguistic turn' that later developed into Structuralist and Poststructuralist thoughts and Deconstruction. The inherent link between the signifier and the signified was questioned and it was demonstrated that the bond between the real 'chair' (signified) and the signifier 'chair' was "no fixed bond." The linguistic turn facilitated the free play of signifiers and rejected the notion of metaphysics and transcendental signification.

The proposed seminar will centre on the following sub-themes: Sub-themes:

- Linguistic Turn in Literature
- Linguistic Turn in Philosophy
- Applied Linguistics in Literary Studies
- Interaction between Linguistic and Literary Theory
- Stylistics and Practice
- · Linguistic Turn in Allied Disciplines

Above sub-themes are only indicative and not exhaustive. Presenters/ scholars can explore any area within the broader framework of the seminar.

### Call for Paper

Authentic, unpublished articles are invited for presentation in the seminar.

- 1. Font Size- 12, Page Size- A4, Line Spacing 1.5, Word Limit- 300, Bio Note- 100
- 2. Mode of Submission: Google Form (https://forms.gle/msxjTnaf3ign9By77)
- 3. Abstract Submission Deadline: September 12, 2022.
- 4. Notification of Abstract Selection: September 13, 2022.

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## Purbasthali College

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

One-day National Seminar

on

# Literary Theory and The Linguistic Turn

Date: September 15, 2022

Time: 11 am

### SEMINAR SCHEDULE

	10:30–11:30 hours (IST)	Registration		
>	11:30-11:35 hours (IST)	Felicitation of the Guests		
>	11:35–11:40 hours (IST)	Lighting of the Lamp		
۶	11:40-11:45 hours (IST)	Inaugural Song		
>	11:45-11:50 hours (IST)	Welcome Address by the Principal, Purbasthali College		
	11:50–11:55 hours (IST)	Convener's Address		
٢	11:55-12:40 hours (IST)	Keynote Address by Mr. Atanu Kr. Paul, Assistant		
		Professor, JMS College, Munger, Bihar		
	12:40-12:45 hours (IST)	Brief Interactive session		
>	12:45-01:30 hours (IST)	Plenary Address by Mrs. Abhinanda Chakraborty,		
		Assistant Professor, Chandidas Mahavidyalaya,		
		Khujutipara, West Bengal		
1	01:30-01:35 hours (IST)	Brief Interactive session		
>	01:35-02:20 hours (IST)	Lunch		
×	02:20-03:10 hours (IST)	Technical Session		
>	03:10-03:30 hours (IST)	Valedictory		

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### Report

- 1. Name of the programme: One-day National Seminar
- 2. Topic: "Literary Theory and the Linguistic Turn"
- 3. Organizer: Department of English, in collaboration with IQAC, Purbasthali College, and Katwa College
- 4. Duration: 1 day
- 5. Date: September 15, 2022
- 6. Number of participants: 58
- 7. Venue: Seminar Hall, Purbasthali College
- 8. Name of resource person: Mr. Atanu Kumar Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of English, JMS College Munger, and Mrs. Abhinanda Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Chandidas Mahavidyalaya

### Introduction:

A One-day National Seminar on "Literary Theory and the Linguistic Turn" was organized by the Department of English, in collaboration with IQAC, Purbasthali College, and Katwa College (under MoU) on September 15, 2022 at Seminar Hall from 11.00 am. The aimed to explore the profound impact of the linguistic turn on literary theory, elucidating its theoretical underpinnings and its implications for literary analysis and interpretation.

### **Objectives:**

- Understanding Literary Theory: The primary objective of the seminar was to provide participants
  with a comprehensive understanding of literary theory, particularly focusing on the concept of the
  linguistic turn.
- Exploring Linguistic Perspectives: The seminar aimed to explore the influence of linguistic theories and methodologies on literary criticism, highlighting the shift towards language-centered approaches in the analysis of literary texts.

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 Fostering Dialogue: The seminar aimed to foster dialogue and exchange of ideas among participants, facilitating a deeper understanding of the relationship between language, literature, and

culture.

Enhancing Analytical Skills: By engaging with various literary theories and linguistic approaches,

the seminar aimed to enhance participants' analytical skills and critical thinking abilities in the

interpretation and evaluation of literary texts.

**Key Discussions:** 

The seminar commenced with an overview provided by the Convener, Dr. Soumya Mohan Ghosh on the

linguistic turn, tracing its origins in 20th-century philosophy, particularly the works of Ludwig

Wittgenstein, Ferdinand de Saussure, and J.L. Austin. The Keynote speaker, Mr. Atanu Kumar Paul,

Assistant Professor, Department of English, JMS College Munger delved into how this philosophical shift

revolutionized literary studies by emphasizing language as a primary site of meaning-making and textual

interpretation. Plenary speaker, Mrs. Abhinanda Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, Department of English,

Chandidas Mahavidyalaya, embarked on an insightful exploration into the intricate relationship between

language and literature, elucidating the transformative impact of the linguistic turn on literary theory and

criticism. In the Technical Sessions, paper presenters explored various aspects of the linguistic turn's

influence on literary theory, including structuralism, post-structuralism, deconstruction, and reader-

response theory. Discussions delved into how concepts such as signifier and signified, language as a system

of differences, and the indeterminacy of meaning have reshaped our understanding of literature and literary

interpretation.

Outcome:

• Enhanced Understanding: Participants gained a deeper understanding of the influence of linguistic

theories on literary criticism, recognizing the significance of the linguistic turn in reshaping

scholarly approaches to literature.

Department of English Purbasthali College Parulia, Purba Bardhaman Purbasuran conege Vill. & P.O.-Parulia, Dt.-Burdwan Critical Engagement: The seminar fostered critical engagement with key theoretical concepts and methodologies, empowering participants to apply linguistic perspectives to their analysis of literary

texts.

Interdisciplinary Insights: Participants gained interdisciplinary insights into the intersections

between language, literature, and culture, recognizing the relevance of diverse theoretical

frameworks in enriching their understanding of literary phenomena.

Methodological Versatility: The seminar equipped participants with a repertoire of methodological

tools and analytical approaches, enabling them to navigate the complexities of literary analysis with

greater precision and nuance.

Stimulated Inquiry: The seminar stimulated further inquiry and exploration into the dynamic

relationship between language and literature, inspiring participants to pursue independent research

and scholarship in the field of literary theory.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the seminar on "Literary Theory and the Linguistic Turn" provided a comprehensive

exploration of the profound impact of linguistic theory on literary studies. By delving into the theoretical

foundations and practical applications of the linguistic turn, participants gained valuable insights into

contemporary approaches to literary analysis and interpretation.

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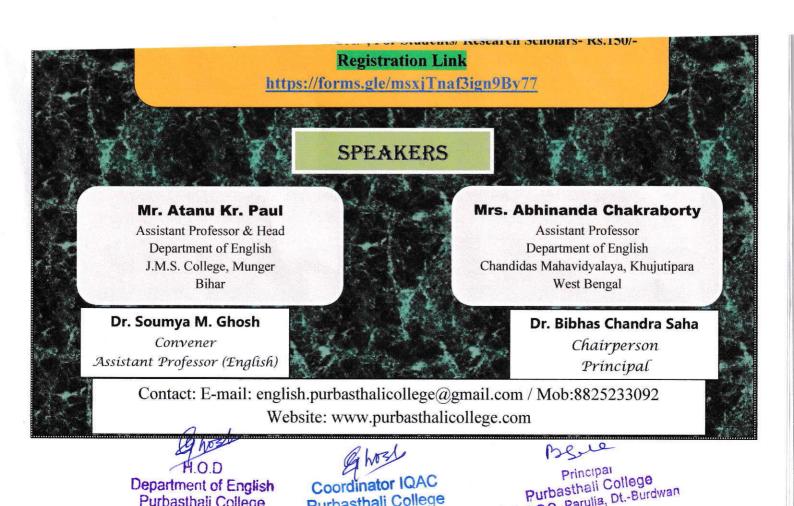
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